

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application. Applicant has submitted a new complete claim set showing marked up claims with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for updating a client computer coupled by means of a network to a server computer comprising:

[[a))] identifying a change of ~~changing a~~ status of [[a]] the server computer;

identifying at least one client configuration change that may be required by the change of status of the server computer; and

[[b))] ~~transmitting a status message by means of the network between the server computer and to the client computer, the status message including regarding a change of status of the server computer; the identified at least one client configuration change.~~

~~b) displaying a message at the client computer to apprise a user that a status of the server computer has changed; and~~

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~~[[c)]] initiating a communications between the client computer and the server computer over the network to inform the client computer regarding details of the change of status in the server computer.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
~~additionally comprising the changing of server computer status by means of software running on a client computer coupled to the server computer by means of the network.~~

determining if the identified at least one client configuration change is required to be made at the client computer; and
transmitting the status message only if the identified at least one client configuration change is required to be made at the client computer.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of transmitting a status message further comprises transmitting a status message to the client ~~is performed~~ in response to periodic polling of the server status by the client computer.

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4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the ~~step of~~ transmitting a status message further comprises ~~is performed by the server computer sending an alert~~ the status message to the client computer ~~regarding the change of server status.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein there are a plurality of client computers coupled to the server computer by the network and wherein the server computer sends the status message ~~broadcasts an updated server status~~ to each of the client computers.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the status message ~~further comprises details in the change in status of the server computer communicated to the client include a list of updated server computer status features and additionally comprising displaying said list of updated server computer status features and a then current status of said features at the client computer to aid a user in updating the client computer status.~~

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7. (Canceled) ~~The method of claim 1 wherein the server computer includes a client interface component for allowing the client computer read only access to a status of the server computer while determining a change of status of the server computer.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further additionally comprising automatically reconfiguring the client computer based on the details of the change of status in the server computer effecting the identified at least one client configuration change.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 additionally further comprising causing a message to be displayed ~~displaying a message~~ at the client computer, the message identifying each client configuration change made to that a status of the client computer has automatically been reconfigured based on the change of status of the server computer.

10. - 14. Canceled.

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15. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus~~ Apparatus for updating one or more client computers coupled to a computer network ~~comprising~~ having a server computer ~~having a~~ that includes at least one processor for executing a stored program within a ~~computer server~~ computer memory, said stored program comprising:

a) a status update component to allow a user to change a status of ~~[[a]]~~ the server computer and to identify one or more client configuration changes that should be made to at least one client computer in response to the change of status of the server ~~coupled to a network;~~

b) a communications component for transmitting a status message by means of the network to the one or more client computers regarding the change of status of the server computer to apprise ~~a user~~ client users that a status of the server computer has changed; and

c) a ~~read-only~~ read-only status component for exposing a detailed listing of the updated status of said server and the client configuration changes ~~computer corresponding to an updated status of the server computer following the change of status of said server computer.~~

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16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein the communications component is a DCOM server component having an interface exposed to a DCOM client residing on the one or more client computers.

17. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable media containing executable instructions that, when executed, implement the following method:

~~A computer readable medium for storing computer instructions for updating a client computer coupled by a network to a server computer comprising instructions for performing the steps of:~~

[[a)]] identifying a change in ~~changing~~ a status of a server computer;
identifying a client configuration change required in one or more client computers connected to the server computer via a network, said client configuration change being necessitated by the change in status of the server computer; and

[[b)]] transmitting a status message to the one or more client computers regarding the client configuration change. ~~by means of the network between the server computer and the client computer regarding a change of status of the server computer;~~

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~~[[b)]] displaying a message at the client computer to apprise a user that a status of the server computer has changed; and~~

~~[[c)]] initiating a communications between the client computer and the server computer over the network to inform the client computer regarding details of the change of status in the server computer.~~

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) The one or more computer-readable media as recited in computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the transmitting a status message to the one or more client computers further comprises transmitting the status message to at least one of the one or more client computers in response to additionally comprising instructions for periodic polling of the server status by the at least one client computer.

20. (Currently Amended) The one or more computer-readable media as recited in computer-readable medium of claim 17, further comprising transmitting additionally comprising instructions to display the details in the

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~~change in status of the server computer including a list of updated server computer status features and additionally comprising the step of displaying a user actuatable control to at least one of the one or more client computers that allows a client allow an user to effect the client configuration change. update one or more corresponding client computer features based on the list of updated server computer status features.~~

21. (Currently Amended) The one or more computer-readable media as recited in computer readable medium of claim 17, further comprising automatically effecting the client configuration change in at least one of the one or more client computers. ~~additionally comprising instructions for automatically reconfiguring the client computer based on the details of the change of status in the server computer.~~

22. (Currently Amended) The one or more computer-readable media as recited in computer readable medium of claim 21, further comprising transmitting a message to the client computer indicating that the client configuration change has been made. ~~additionally comprising instructions for~~

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~~displaying a message at the client computer that a status of the client computer has automatically been reconfigured based on the change of status of the server computer.~~

23. - 25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) ~~For use with a computer having a graphical user interface including a display and a user interface selection device, a A method~~ [[of]] for updating a configuration of [[the]] a client computer in response to a reconfiguration of a network server, the method comprising: by a computer setup wizard which comprises:

~~a) displaying an interface link that can be actuated with an interface user selection device to launch the computer setup wizard in response to a receipt of a message from the network server that a server configuration has changed;~~

receiving a notification from the server that at least one of multiple server configuration settings has been updated;

determining an updated status of the multiple server configuration settings;

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~~b) communicating with the server to determine an updated status of the server computer and displaying a list of client reconfiguration choices based on corresponding to the updated server status;~~

~~[[c)]] receiving user input allowing a user to accept or modify the list of client reconfiguration choices; and~~

~~[[d)]] displaying providing a command button which, when actuated, when actuated by the user causes a begins the process of reconfiguring of the client computer based upon the list of client reconfiguration choices.~~

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26 wherein the displaying a list of client reconfiguration choices further comprises displaying a list of checkboxes are presented on the display which allow the user to select desired client reconfiguration choices reconfigurations from the list of client configurations reconfiguration choices.

28. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 27 wherein the checkboxes have an initial state of being either checked or unchecked based on a sensed configuration of the server computer.

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29. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 27 wherein at least one checkbox relates to a disk drive configuration on the client for sharing access to a disk drive on the network.

30. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 27 where at least one checkbox relates to adding shared Internet access through a server connection to the Internet by means of communications with the server over a network.

31. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 27 wherein at least one checkbox relates to adding secure access to services of the server from the client computer by means of network password protection.

32. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 27 wherein at least one checkbox relates to a printer reconfiguration on the client computer based on a presence of a printer coupled to a network.

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